

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 7 please amend the paragraph beginning on line 9 to read as follows:

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings. In Fig. 2, referential numeral number 1 indicates a screw which is one example of the metal part for which the present invention is applied. This screw 1 has a base made of iron-based material. This screw has at its head 2 a cross-shaped recess 3 with a tightening surface and on its shank 4 a thread 5 with a predetermined pitch, which are formed by a heading process and a rolling process, respectively. The base has been zinc plated on its surface. On the surface of the zinc-plated base, a black chromate-treated coating has been formed. This coating has been formed by black trivalent chromate treatment for imparting heavy feeling as well as corrosion resistance, such as salt-water resistance and exposure resistance. The black trivalent chromate coating 6 has less influence on the environment, such as vaporization of its ingredients at normal temperatures and their penetration into the ground, than hexavalent chromate coatings.